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When I was a boy I played a shepherd in the Christmas play at Sulphur Spring Baptist Church. The play was about Christmas the birth of Jesus but one of

the central characters was a little lamb. In the performance of the play we had to have a little lamb and I just so happened that my little sister the Christmas before was given a little lamb. It came the night of the play and my sister absolutely would not release the lamb. When we would try to take it from her she would have a fit and cry and scream. My mother finally talked her out of the lamb by saying, nothing is going to happen to Lamby. He is just going right over there. Look, see. Lamby's fine. In the end my mother let my sister during the play just as close to the lamb as possible as she kept her eyes glued to that very special lamb. Well we just read about not Karen's little lamb but Mary's little lamb. Born in a heavenly

I See the Lamb in Prophecy (Ex 12:1-6)

Sitting Jews in Bondage for hundreds of years. Pharo cruel taskmaster whose labors were burdens to the Jew. But God has a plan of

Redemption wrapped up in a Little Lamb (head), deliver in

A. A Special Lamb - Have you ever seen a lamb so cute and defenceless. No horns or claws, it can't fight or run very fast. Egypt symbol - could Sept eat vs. Lamb. But these were a special lamb, vs 5. Had to inspect. So far as to look in mouth ears. It had to be perfect. That's why none

B. A Shain Lamb - vs 6. God commanded that these perfect spotless lamb he killed he slaughtered for every home. Heard story from early 1900's about a Slaughter house worker every day killing bulls. One day started slaughtering lambs. Lamb came down line. Man slit throat. As lamb was

C. A Saining Lamb - God commanded that the blood be caught in a basin and in vs 7. Place an indolent deep pots. vs 12-13. When I see blood. Not a peeling deer. Not mice prayers, Not gold, Not Jewels, Not even a live lamb would suffice. Because Heb 9:22¹⁴ w/o shedding

D. A Shared Lamb - vs 8. The lamb was roasted over a fire. Jesus endured the fire of God's Judgment on the cross. That night in all these Jewish homes, the lamb was being received. These slaves were becoming a Nation when they walked out to freedom. The lamb was in

II. See the Lamb in History (Jn 1:29)

This prophetic scene came into a reality centuries later. Paul called this moment the fullness of time. Ga 4:4

1) ...lowly stable. Yet wrapped up in this little lamb that Mary had is not only the destiny of the whole world but, more importantly your eternal destiny. I want you to scoot up close and look very carefully at Mary's little Lamb.

2) ...that's why none of you can pat your own sin debt because your not perfect and spotless. But Mary's Lamb had not sin.

3) ...As lamb was dying there in the hands of the worker the lamb gently licked a spot of blood from the hand of it's killer. The man put down the knife and never returned. This meek and mild lamb was slain.

4) Hebrews 9:22 ...without shedding of blood is no remission.

5) ...the lamb was in them. The Apostle Paul called this in Colossians 1:27 ...Christ in you, the hope of glory:

6) Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman..Mary had a little lamb!

- 1) ...John the Baptist pointing to the Lord Jesus and saying...
- 2) ...born in Bethlehem laid in the manger was the eternal uncreated, self-existent, word of God made flesh. The great I AM became a little lamb. The Infinite became an infant!
- 3) ...Jesus had the blood of God running through his veins! Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. Jesus was made a son of man that we might become the sons of God! Jesus like the passover lamb came under scrutiny. Jewish Sanhedrin, could not find a blemish, never a man spake as this man. Pilot said I find no fault with this man. On Mt Moriah, while the lambs were being slaughtered at the Temple, Jesus himself the lamb of God, said it is finished! Priest, Levites, shepherds from Bethlehem go home, no more sacrifices needed!
- 4) 1 Corinthians 5:7 ...Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:
- 5) ...that paralleled the nursery rhyme "Mary had a little lamb": Mary had a little lamb, his fleece was white as snow, son of God from heaven above, for sinners here below, Mary's son eternal God, he the great I AM, with wool so white on Christmas night became a little lamb. Mary had a little lamb, his fleece was white as snow, that spotless lamb was crucified, to pay the debt I owe, Oh spotless lamb with wool so white, thy crimson blood I know, can take away my crimson sin and wash me white as snow.
- 6) 1 Corinthians 11:23-25 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

Turn to John 1:29. Here we have John Baptist
A A Special Lamb - There were special
circumstances surrounding Jesus birth. He was
a miracle lamb, born of a virgin. You might
say that's impossible, and I would agree. But
we are told that's true in scripture w/ God
all things are possible. I bet baby Jesus in Bethlehem

B, A Shave Lamb - John Baptist - Take
away sin of world. Why born of virgin, so
sinless, why shaves, so he could make a blood
atoneement. Blood makes atoneement, why
couldn't God ever look sin: unjust. No child of
Adam Bloodline comes from father Jesus blood of God

C. A Saviour Lamb - 1 Cor 5:7 He does
instead of you. I want to ask you a question

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing
power. Are you washed in the blood of the
lamb are you fully trusting in His grace this
hour. I read a poem from a preacher that

D. A Shared Lamb - 1 Cor 11:23-25

When we partake of the Lords supper
we remember the sacrifice of our lamb
on the cross to pay our sin debt. When
we do so we do not mourn a corpse but
we hail a conqueror. His alive and in us.

III. See the Lamb in Vision (Rev 5:1-7)

This seven sealed book is the little
deed to the earth. It speaks of
ownership and right to rule. There was

no one is openly, no angel, no cleric, no pope
A. A Small Lamb - VSG The word lamb
here is the word meaning little lamb, a pet
lamb, like the one fished up 4 days after Passover. Satan
the Serpent, Anti Christ the Beast are coming against many ^{little lambs}

B. A Slain Lamb - VSG as it was
slain. John sees the marks he sees
the scars of the Lamb's slaughter. These are
the emblems of Redemption that he has heard of.

C. A Standing Lamb - VSG This lamb
is standing. He is not lying in some middle
eastern tomb. But standing alive! The Grave
could not hold this lamb! He is alive forever ^{1 Cor 15: 3 & 4}

D. A Strong Lamb - Notice the horns
the horns are representative of the power of
an animal. Animals put up fight w/ their horns
Here is the might and strength given to Jesus. Matt 28: 18

E. A Searching Lamb - The seven eyes
speaks of vision and omniscience. There
is nothing that is hidden from the lamb
His fiery eyes of judgment see past of outward

F. A Sovereign Lamb - The Lamb can take
the Book! Mary's little lamb has in Beth
has the power to take the book! He has
right because of the Right of Creator. He has

IV. Closing - See the Lamb in Majesty
Rev 5: 8 - 13. Mary's little lamb is a
wonderful lamb! VSG Worth is the lamb to see.
I want you to see me the Christmas season

- 1) ...no soldier, no king, no ruler can open it, no demon or devil or Satan himself, can claim the book. John is heart broken. But then Don't weep. There is a lion! He's prevailed. He turns to see a lion and he sees a lamb! Mary's little lamb!
- 2) ...heard it said that the only man made things in heaven are the nail prints in Jesus hands, the wounds on his brow and the opening in his side!
- 3) Matthew 28:18 All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
- 4) ...past our outward appearance and sees our heart. He sees you today! What does he see. One who has been forgiven of sin or one in rebellion from God! Hebrews 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.
- 5) ...He has the right of Calvary. He died from that creation. He has the right of Conquest. I was raised from the dead! He is the great I AM!
- 6) ...Christmas season worshiping this worthy Lamb! He is Exclusively Worthy – none else deserves our praise and honor! He is Exceedingly Worthy – Now else has ever given so great a gift as He! Eternally Worthy! He will forever be worthy of our praise! Did you see the Lamb! Is he your lamb. Not just a lamb. But your lamb. Mary's little lamb can be your lamb today! Repent and receive!